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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FRG: A BLOW TO THE COALITION

EMBASSY BONN BELIEVES THE FEBRUARY 6 ELECTION OF CDU
CANDIDATE ALBRECHT AS MINISTER PRESIDENT OF LOWER SAXONY
HAS CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. FOR THE COALITION
IN BONN HIS VICTORY THREATENS:

--COMPLICATION OF SPD-FDP RELATIONS, WITH GENSCHER
UNDER PRESSURE NOT TO ANNOUNCE HIS PARTY'S WILLING-
NESS TO CONTINUE THE ALLIANCE UNTIL AFTER THE
OCTOBER 3 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS;

--STRENGTHENING OF THE FORCES WITHIN THE FDP WHO
PREFER A COALITION WITH THE CDU, AND A WEAKENED
POSITION IN THE BUNDESRAT. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 2100,

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2. ALBANIA GIRDING UP FOR TITO'S DEMISE?

EMBASSY ROME HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO

TIRANA THAT ALBANIA "HAS THE SEMBLANCE OF A CONCENTRATION CAMP." ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, YUGOSLAV-ALBANIAN RELATIONS ARE DETERIORATING, AND:

THE ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN SO POISONED BY THE "CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE BUREAUCRATS" THAT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR AN ALBANIAN EVEN TO GREET A FOREIGNER.

--THE RULING ELITE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN NUMBER AND IS OBLIGED TO RESORT TO FEAR TACTICS TO PRESERVE ITS POSITION.

--A STATE OF PARANOIA EXISTS, WITH BOMB SHELTERS BEING BUILT ALONG THE YUGOSLAV AND ADRIATIC BORDERS AND IN CITIES.

--ALBANIA'S INCREASING ISOLATIONISM IS DEMONSTRATED BY HER REFUSAL TO RENEW THE FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS WITH POLAND, CZECHOSLAVAKIA, EAST GERMANY AND BULGARIA. (SECRET) ROME 1924, 2/6 SISCO

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